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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR CD MEMBERSHIP

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR COTTRILL CALLED ON ACDA OFFICER (FLOWERREE) JULY 12 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS ON SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD) AND TO GET AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR AUSTRALIA'S CANDIDACY. HE SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIA WAS A SHOO-IN AND WAS SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF THIS ASSESSMENT.

FLOWERREE REPLIED THAT WHILE THE US WAS SYMPATHETIC TO AUSTRALIA'S CANDIDACY AND CONSIDERED AUSTRALIA EMINENTLY QUALIFIED, CONSULTATIONS ON THE SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS ARE STILL IN A VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND IT WOULD BE RASH TO TRY TO MAKE ANY FIRM PREDICTIONS AT THIS TIME ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE A HIGHLY COMPLEX POLITICAL PROCESS. COTTRILL SAID HE WOULD
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LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH PERIODICALLY DURING THE SELECTION PROCESS TO WHICH FLOWERREE AGREED. CHRISTOPHER

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